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SUBJECT: HABIB VISIT TO GUYANA

1. UNITED STATES UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PHILIP C. HABIB TODAY CONCLUDED A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO GUYANA WITH A FLYING TOUR TO SEVERAL OF GUYANA'S MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AT THE END OF HIS STAY IN GEORGETOWN, UNDER SECRETARY HABIB HELD A BRIEF MEETING WITH NEWSMEN AT WHICH HE STATED THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO GUYANA WAS TO LEARN ABOUT THE AREA AND THE ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF ITS PEOPLES AND TO UNDERSTAND THEIR POINTS OF VIEW. HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD HELP IN THE FORMULATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS THE REGION. MR. HABIB SAID "WE ARE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH OUR RELATIONS WITH GUYANA. WE CONSIDER OUR RELATIONS AS FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE." HE STATED THAT THERE ARE MUTUAL BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GUYANA.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE  
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AGREEMENT OF MAY 26, 1966 BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GUYANA PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF ATKINSON FIELD BY THE U.S. WAS TERMINATED TODAY. MR. HABIB SAID THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS INCIDENTAL TO HIS VISIT, BUT WAS WELL-TIMED. THE TERMINATION CAME AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA, AND WAS AGREED TO BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

3. UNDERSECRETARY HABIB REFERRED TO HIS MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS "AN INSTRUCTIVE AND INFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE." MR. HABIB ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL ALISTAIR MCINTYRE, AND HE SAID THAT HE HAD BENEFITTED FROM THE ADVICE AND VIEWS GIVEN HIM BY MR. MCINTYRE.

4. MR. HABIB STATED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT IN THE U.S. VIEW, THERE IS NO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN GUYANA. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "GUYANA WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT AN IMPROVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS GLOBALLY AS PART OF A LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE TO BRING ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WHOLE RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHETHER ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL OR OR INDIVIDUAL" RIGHTS. HE CONTINUED, "I BELIEVE THAT GUYANA CAN, ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, IN TERMS OF PURSUING ITS OWN VALUES, SERVE THE INTERESTS OF IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

5. MR. HABIB REFERRED TO THE CARIBBEAN REGION AS "A PROGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENT," AND HE ADDED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT WERE MUCH GREATER NOW THAN WHEN HE SERVED IN THE AREA 17 YEARS AGO.

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6. HE ANNOUNCED THAT AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA SHOULD BE NAMED "VERY SHORTLY." KIBBLE

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